

MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM by Chairman Charles B. Weasmer.

I. Correction and Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the October 3, 1984 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Reports of Officers.

Provost Francis T. Borkowski reported that work continues with members of the Governor's staff and the Commission on Higher Education on the 1985-86 appropriation. There is disagreement concerning the economic forecast and that some state officials are anticipating a shortfall in income next year. This perception could affect our request for continued full formula funding. However, the Provost was optimistic toward both continued full formula funding and formula revisions. If these occur, it would mean a higher education budget of about \$21,000,000 over this year's base, with roughly \$11-12,000,000 coming to the University of South Carolina.

The Provost reported that the entering freshmen had an average SAT verbal score of 457 and 496 on the quantitative portion. This compares favorably with state averages of 413 and 452 and with the national averages of 426 and 471 respectively. The averages for South Carolina College were 609 and 642. In terms of high school rank, USC students average at the 84th percentile and South Carolina College students average at the 97th percentile. The Provost asked if there were any questions.

Professor William McAninch (LAW) asked if scores were higher or lower than last year's and if the University scores included South Carolina College and Provisional Year students.

Provost Borkowski said the scores were up slightly from last year. He was uncertain if the university scores

included South Carolina College students but would find out. He noted that the Provisional Year students were not included in the university average. He stated that many schools have categories of students that are consistently excluded from the average. For example, Clemson University has at least four categories that excluded and we exclude both Provisional Year and Presidential Admits. The Provost also commented on the fact that the number of students eligible to take the SAT compared to those that actually do take it varies greatly from state to state, and thus it is difficult to make direct comparisons.

Professor Ben Gimarc (CHEM) noted that older buildings on campus were constructed during a time when it was common practice to insulate by spraying asbestos which is now recognized as a definite health hazard. He stated that people in his building were concerned and nervous over the problem. He asked if the Provost had any comment concerning this situation.

Provost Borkowski responded by saying the University is aware that asbestos is a health hazard but he could not answer specifically the question at this time as Vice President David Rinker's staff have just finished examining university buildings and have made some recommendations to Mr. Rinker who is considering them. The problem has been discussed in a very preliminary way with the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees and with the Executive Committee. He submitted that there would be action taken, probably within three to six months to get at this issue.

Professor Gimarc requested that when a plan is decided upon that the faculty be given twenty-four hour notice.

Provost Borkowski stated the faculty would be informed well in advance of implementation.

Professor Richard Conant (MUSC) asked if the passage of Amendment 4 would have much of a negative impact on the University.

Provost Borkowski responded that personally he felt it would have a negative impact on the University, on higher education in general and on all state agencies.

Professor Robert Philp (CHEM) asked how long the computer fee charged to students of certain colleges would last.

Provost Borkowski felt the \$50 per semester being borne by Business, Engineering and Science-Mathematics students would probably be altered by the Spring semester. The Computer Advisory Committee, chaired by President Holderman, is discussing a user fee. He noted both the increase in usage and the tremendous cost of computer hardware and software. When the special appropriation for computers was unsuccessful the computer fee was continued this past Fall. We have again requested a supplemental

appropriation but if this again is unsuccessful we will look to levying a fee on principal users. He further stated that we will not be able to pay computer costs with funds generated by formula funding and costs will have to be met through research and grant overhead funds or by students.

There were no further questions.

Mr. Steve Beckham, Chief Executive Assistant to the President, was recognized by Chairman Weasmer. He announced the United Way campaign within the University was now ready to begin and asked the Senators to remind their colleagues of the importance of this endeavor.

There were no other reports from officers.

### III. Reports of Committees.

#### A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Richard Silvernail, Secretary:

Silvernail moved for the Committee the motion "the Chairman of the Faculty Senate be designated as the faculty representative to the Board of Trustees."

Chairman Weasmer explained that in the new Faculty Manual the Board of Trustees changed the representative from the Chairman of the Faculty Liaison Committee to a faculty member of the University chosen annually by the University faculty at Columbia. He asked if there was any discussion. There being none, a voice vote was taken and the motion passed without opposition.

#### B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Robert Beamer, Chairman:

Beamer moved acceptance of the Committee report. Weasmer asked for discussion. There being none the report was adopted as presented.

#### C. Curricula and Courses Committee, Professor Scott Goode, Chairman:

Goode moved the adoption of Sections I and II with the following changes:

I.B. under Proposed Wording add: period after p. 75.  
and add: 2. Major Requirements. Change ART to ARTS 200 or above.

I.D. in FREN 211, last line, should read: Credit not awarded for both French 211 and 201-202.

I.D. in FREN 316: add Prerequisite: FREN 310, 311 or consent of instructor.

II.A. in TO: BIOL 232: drop the last sentence.

The motion was approved as presented with punctuation changes. Goode noted Sections III and IV are for the Senate's information. He also requested that faculty carefully proofread their course descriptions in the Bulletin. The Committee would be happy to serve as a clearing house and send the corrections to the Bulletin Editor.

There were no additional committee reports.

IV. Report of the Secretary.

None.

V. Unfinished Business.

None.

VI. New Business.

None.

VII. Good of the Order.

Professor Roger Sullivan (PHIL) commented that a rather high percentage of unit recommendations on tenure and promotion were turned down by the Committee on Tenure and Promotion. He asked if information were available on how many of these people were in their final year and if there was any particular reason why up to a third or more of the unit recommendations were disagreed with this year by the University-wide Committee.

Associate Provost Stephen Ackerman said the information could not be made available at this time. He informed the Senate that the Faculty Welfare Committee is currently looking into this matter.

VIII. Announcements.

Professor Trevor Howard-Hill (ENGL) announced the Graduate Council had appointed a Select Committee of Graduate Faculty to report on library provision for excellence in grad-

uate education and research in the 1990s. The Select Committee will be chaired by Dr. Donald Greiner (ENGL) and has as members the following:

Dr. Lorin Anderson	(EDUC)
Dr. Colin Bennett	(MATH)
Dr. Earl Black	(GINT)
Dr. Ben Gimarc	(CHEM)
Dr. Linda Lucas	(LIBR)
Dr. Charles Mack	(ART)
Dr. Roger Sawyer	(BIOL)
Dr. Patrick Scott	(ENGL)
Mr. Homer Walton	(Cooper Library)
Dr. Harriet Williams	(PEDU)
Dr. Oliver Wood	(BADM)
Dr. Trevor Howard-Hill	(ENGL), Secretary

He invited Senators and colleagues to communicate with the Committee any matter they feel require consideration by the Committee. A report will be made to the Graduate Council in the Fall Semester, 1985.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM.